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SAM GEJDENSON  
2D DISTRICT  
CONNECTICUT

Feb. 4, 1993

Dear Mrs. Cepkerson:

FEB 11 1993

I desire many hours of improvement from building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I have been active in a local club and participated in model airplanes to raise money for the land bridge.

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I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the availability of frequencies currently assigned for model use, and increase the risk of accidents and other land bridge for controlling model airplanes.

Our model work is in the 72-76 MHz Band. This band is primarily used for private model aircraft operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are for except used from the land mobile frequencies that they don't interfere with each other.

The FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into numerous land mobile and narrowband the land mobile plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to our frequencies

and cause interference to the land mobile system. We presently have 50 frequencies, 19 will be left if these rules are adopted. The group I fly with have radios (including myself) on the frequencies that would be most at risk to interference. Since the model land mobile are mobile, they can be anywhere anytime and at 4 times the power we don't stand a chance.

I just purchased new equipment to be used in competition. I participated in the National Model Airplane Championships at Westover Air Force Base last November.

I realize you think ~~you~~ could be able to spend on much higher performance than this. But this is important to me.

This is one hobby where even a person confined to a wheel chair can participate in and do well. A young girl who I know is handicapped got to build, start and fly model airplanes ~~for~~ fantastically well. I appreciate anything you can do to help.

This FCC decision is supposed to take place Feb 24, 1993

Thanks for your time

Good! Always

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Their Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users use of frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 21 of the 50 channels on the

From:- JOHN DORN

4 WESTGATE RD

COLUMBIA CT 06237 203 228-0656

To:- SAMUEL GELDENSON

74 WEST MAIN ST

NORWICH CT 06360

FEB 11 1993

Dear Sir,

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission(FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important hobby of mine, namely, radio controlled (R/C) model airplanes, helicopters and boats.

Their Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users use of frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to

FEB 11 1993

ROBERT E. LEIPER  
47 DIANE COURT  
VERNON, CT 06066

February 10, 1993

Representative Samuel Gejdenson  
74 West Main Street  
Norwich, CT 06360

Dear Representative Gejdenson:

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other. Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weight as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are cable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry outs its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

I am interested in hearing your views on this subject.

Very truly yours,



Robert E. Leiper

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The Honorable Sam Gejdenson  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

February 2, 1993

Dear Representative Gejdenson:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am an active competitor in local and national events. I am very active in four local clubs whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is **PR Docket 92-235**. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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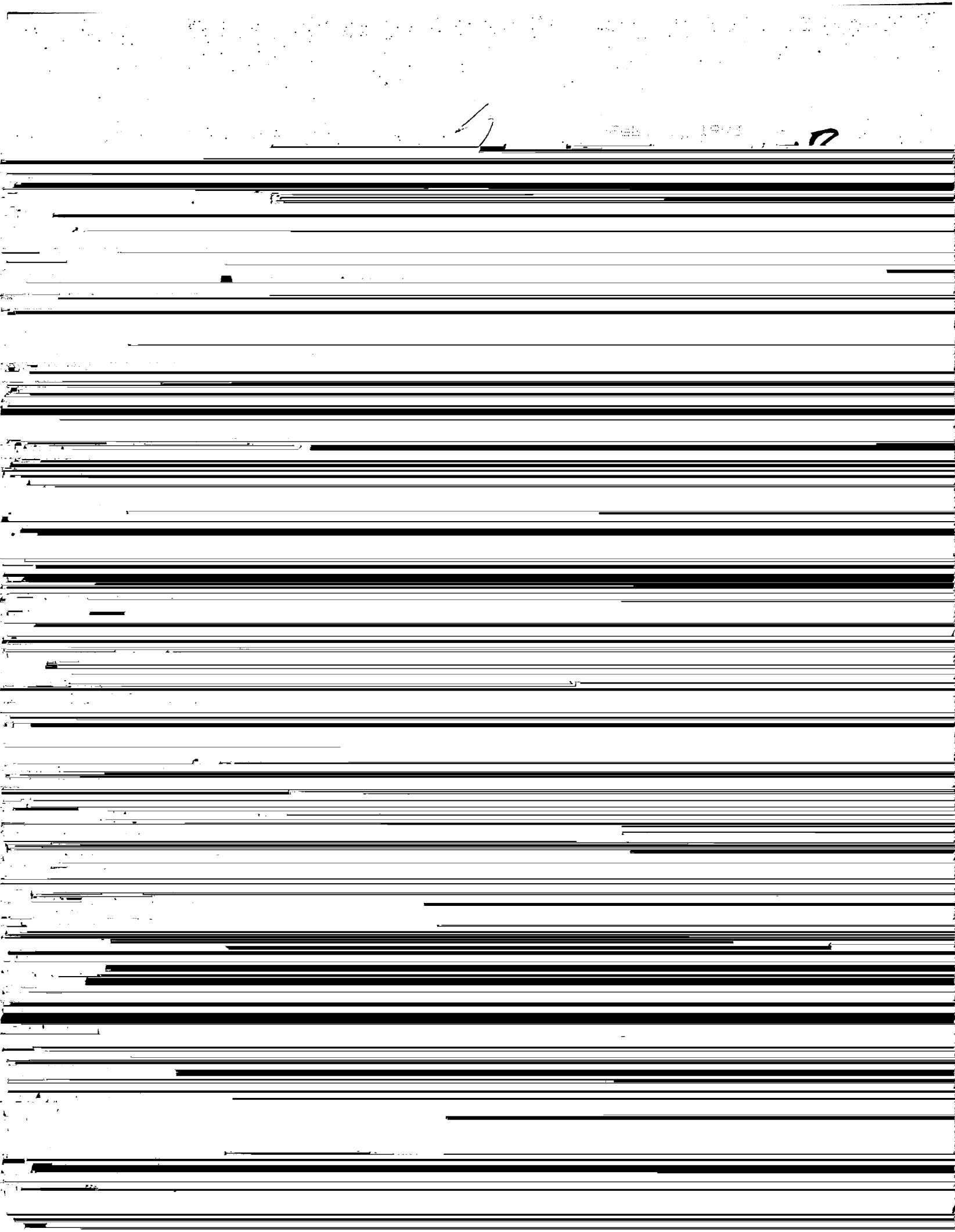
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When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The specific models I fly range up to 26 pounds and have an 88 inch wingspan. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. One of the clubs to which I belong flies in a State Park. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users





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329 Flanders Rvr. Rd.  
Coventry, Ct. 06238  
January 29, 1993

The Honorable Samuel Gejdenson  
74 W. Main St.

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From:- Thomas J. Markowski  
246 Hickory Cir.  
Middletown, CT. 06454

JAN 28 1993

To:- Congressman Samuel Gejdenson  
74 West Main ST. Norwich, CT. 06360

Dear Sir,

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission(FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important hobby of mine, namely, radio controlled (R/C) model airplanes,

WILLIAM M. CLARK  
12 OTIS STREET  
OLD SAYBROOK  
CONNECTICUT 06475

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FEB 10 1993

January 27, 1993

The Honorable Sam Gejdenson  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Sam:

For many years I have enjoyed the hobby of radio control airplane flying and witnessed its effect on helping youngsters to develop creative skills and expanding their interests into the field of engineering.

I am concerned about the proposed rules under consideration by the FCC (PR Docket 92-235). These proposed new regulations will seriously reduce the frequencies assigned for radio control model use. They will, if adopted, increase the risk of accidents.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is also used for private land mobile dispatch operations. At present our radio control frequencies are far enough apart from the land mobile ones so we have been able to share the band without interfering with each other.

The FCC would create more land mobile frequencies and many of the new land mobile frequencies would move closer to ours. This could cause mutual interference and overlap. I understand the model radio control frequencies would be reduced from 50 to 19.

When we fly we go to great lengths to assure safety. This depends, to a large extent, on the control of the radio frequencies. If the number of frequencies we can use is reduced congestion will occur....SAFETY MARGINS WILL BE REDUCED.

Many of our models weigh up to 40 pounds and travel at speeds over 40 mph. They are capable of serious personal and property damage if radio interference causes loss of control.

We need the full use of all our current frequencies to maintain this safety record.

Our hobby is large and growing. It is not likely restricting the radio frequencies will reduce the number of planes flying...ONLY INCREASE THE RISK OF HARM.

Please help to continue the safe enjoyment of this widespread and popular hobby. Do not favor the proposals for the 72-76MHz band.

Yours sincerely,



William M. Clark

FEB 11 1973

Feb. 1, 1973

The Honorable Samuel Gejdenson  
U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Gejdenson,

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our models under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased. Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but, more to the point they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. (I personally have over \$ 2,000.00 invested in this hobby). The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76MHz band.

Sincerely,

*George L. Hovey*

FEB 11 1993

98 Summit Rd. 993  
Storrs, CT 06268  
February 1, 1993

The Honorable Sam Gejdenson  
2416 RHOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515-0702

Dear Mr. Gejdenson,

As a flyer of radio controlled model airplanes, I am concerned with PR Docket 92-235 proposed rule changes under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. As I understand it, they are considering creating more land mobile frequencies narrowing the band widths.

This will reduce the number of frequencies available and put frequencies closer together which would create dangerous interference for radio controlled aircraft. As responsible and safe modelers, we feel causing the loss of control of an aircraft with the possibility of injury to ground personnel would not be acceptable.

Our radio frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. To date, our frequencies have been far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies to not cause any safety concerns.

Radio control modeling is a great way to pursue an interest in aviation and points many youngsters toward a

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76 Pearl Street  
Noank, CT 06340  
January 31, 1993

The Honorable Sam Gejdenson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mister Gejdenson:

I am a surgeon by profession, but have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. My father was a Naval Aviator, and I have been building flying models for many years. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

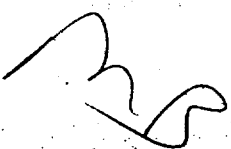
Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band, which is also used for private land mobile dispatch operations. Currently, our frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other. Now, however, the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I understand that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we take every precaution to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of radio control frequencies, but if the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please be aware that many models have wing spans of 10 feet or more, and mav

R. Paul McEntarfer  
46 Lamphere Road  
Waterford, CT 06385

February 3, 1993

  
The Honorable Sam Gejdenson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representative Gejdenson:

I am a 35-year-old Mechanical Engineer at Electric Boat and enjoy the technical challenge of building (from scratch) multi-engine, scale model airplanes and the satisfaction of flying them by radio control. I am an active member of a local radio control club which participates in such civic events as mall shows for public display, and air shows at the Essex Valley Retirement Home.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR



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Stanley E. Dapkus  
134 Bartholomew Road  
Middletown, CT 06457  
February 12, 1993

The Honorable Sam Gejdenson  
2416 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0702

Dear Mr. Gejdenson,

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I am the president of a model airplane club in the Middlesex county area whose members enjoy building and flying radio controlled model aircraft. It is a hobby/sport that is enjoyed by people of all ages, from children to retirees (who make up the majority of our club). It teaches and rewards craftsmanship and hand/eye coordination as well as safety consciousness.

I am alarmed that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering rules (PR Docket 92-235) that would effectively allow high power commercial mobile radio transmissions on frequencies that are so close to those previously designated for model hobby use, that they are within the allowable tolerance of our equipment! That is, these transmissions would unpredictably cause loss of control of our models.

As a member club of the Academy of Model Aviation, (AMA) our club and it's members take many safety precautions to assure the safety of the operators, bystanders and property during model operation. As proposed, the 50 channels we have previously been allocated would shrink to only 19 that we could safely use. This would mean that many thousands of dollars worth of equipment we own would be rendered unusable, at a time in our current national economic situation when most of our members, on fixed incomes, can ill afford to replace it.

I think it is both unwise and unfair of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers who have invested large sums of money and time in a hobby/sport that provides many hours of enjoyment to many thousands of people like ourselves.

Please help us to continue safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76MHz band. Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

*Stanley E. Dapkus*

Stanley E. Dapkus

From:- BERTRAND R. VAILLANCOURT  
162 N ~~WINDHAM~~ BROOK ST.  
N. WINDHAM, CT. 06232

To:- SAMUEL GEJDENSON  
74 WEST MAIN ST.  
NORWICH CT.

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FEB 23 1993

Dear Sir,

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It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission(FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important hobby of mine, namely, radio controlled (R/C) model airplanes, helicopters and boats.

Their Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users use of frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

This action will have a severe, detrimental effect upon me and the entire R/C hobby industry. If put into effect, my airplane or helicopter could easily be shot out of the sky by a mobile user I'd have no way of knowing about. This would create a disastrous situation in which physical injury, perhaps fatal, and property damage could occur.

I have been involved in this hobby for years. I own radios and model planes, helicopters, cars and boats. In addition, I have numerous engines, and much expensive equipment to support my hobby. When you consider that there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the USA just like me, you may appreciate that these proposed rule changes will affect a lot of people economically and in terms of enjoyment.

I urge you to intervene on my behalf and object to this this Proposal. Insist that the FCC keep the present 10 Khz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz and 72 MHz bands available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts. Please don't let them eliminate this hobby, which not only of great pleasure for many, but also a constructive activity that has encouraged youngsters to follow careers in the sciences.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Bertrand R. Vaillancourt

44-02-1993  
The Honorable Sam Gejdenson  
U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 12, 1993  
1F225

Dear Mr. Gejdenson,

I am an active member of a local radio controlled (RC) model aircraft club. I have been building and flying RC models for over 15 years. Modeling has become a large part of my life. I have two sons now ages three and five. I am very much looking forward to the days when I can enjoy this hobby with my two boys. My oldest boy Alex already shows a strong interest in aviation.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be usable if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators as well as the bystanders and for the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly reduced.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 12 feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the

February 24, 1993

The Honorable Samuel Gejdenson  
74 West Main Street  
Norwich, Conn. 06360

182243  
FEB 24 1993

Dear Representative Gejdenson:

I have been involved in the construction and operation of radio-controlled model boats for 20 years, and derive many hours of enjoyment and relaxation from this hobby. I am very active in the Greater Hartford Model Boat Club and the overall district, of which we are a part. In addition, we are part of one of three national organizations which provide nationwide support, communication, and competition for the model boater. Our members enjoy constructing and operating these model boats. We all have a lot of money tied up in the models, the radios, and workshops full of other products necessary to operate these models. Numerous hobby stores and their employees derive their living from the sale of supplies for these boats. In addition to those of us involved with the boats, there are many more involved in radio controlled model airplanes and cars.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rule will greatly reduce the useability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and will increase the risk of accidents and the attendant liability.

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When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the

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22 February 1993

The Honorable Sam Gejdenson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Gejdenson,

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I am an engineer have been airplane modelling since age 7 and am now 51. I have been very active in our local model club over the years and it presently has more than 150 members. I have been building radio controlled model airplanes since 1954 and have seen vast changes and great improvements to the hobby over the years. Today's technology has made the hobby very safe and things we only dreamed about in years past are now possible. It is a great hobby for todays youth right through to retirement.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly

Alfred C. Dion  
17 High Street  
Noank, CT 06340  
February 23, 1993

MAILED 04 1993  
The Honorable Sam Geidenson  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Geidenson:

Re: PR Docket 92-235

I am a sport flyer and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I own six (6) pieces of radio equipment worth approximately \$2000 that would be rendered unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,